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Conference of the Parties**

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Item 5 (b) of the provisional agenda\*

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### **Note by the secretariat**

#### **I. Background**

1. At its first meeting, held in Geneva from 20 to 24 September 2004, the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention on the Prior Informed Consent Procedure for Certain Hazardous Chemicals and Pesticides in International Trade decided, in accordance with paragraph 6 of article 18 of the Convention, to establish a chemical review committee.

2. In decision RC-1/6, the composition of the committee is described as consisting of 31 experts in chemicals management nominated by Governments and appointed by the Conference of the Parties as follows:

- (a) African States: Gabon, Ghana, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya; Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania;
- (b) Asian and Pacific States: Jordan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Oman, Republic of Korea, Samoa, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand;
- (c) Eastern European States: Hungary, Slovenia, Ukraine;
- (d) Latin American and Caribbean States: Argentina, Brazil, Ecuador, Jamaica, Uruguay;

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\* UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.2/1.

(e) Western European and other States: Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Italy, Netherlands, Switzerland.

3. Decision RC-1/6 also states that the 31 Governments identified should formally designate those experts and, through the secretariat, provide their names and relevant qualifications to the Parties by 1 December 2004, and that such experts should serve as members of the Chemical Review Committee on an interim basis, pending formal confirmation of their appointment by the Conference of the Parties at its second session.

4. With the exception of one country (Gabon), all the countries identified for the designation of experts to the Chemical Review Committee provided the names and qualifications of their experts to the secretariat. Those names and qualifications are set out in document UNEP/FAO/RC/CRC.1/INF/1, distributed as a meeting document of the first session of the Chemical Review Committee, held in Geneva from 11 to 18 February 2005.

5. The list of designated experts can be found in annex I to the present note. Contact information and details of qualifications of each expert, as received by the secretariat, can be found in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.2/INF/5.

6. The designated experts from Hungary, Jordan, Samoa and Slovenia did not participate in the first meeting of the Chemical Review Committee.

7. In accordance with rule 22, paragraph 5, of the rules of procedure agreed to by the Conference of the Parties, the chairs of the Chemical Review Committee and any other subsidiary bodies shall be members ex officio of the Bureau. Mr. André Mayne was elected as the chair of the Chemical Review Committee during its first meeting. At the end of the meeting, Mr. André Mayne notified the committee that he would be unable to continue in that function and it was agreed that Ms. Bettina Hitzfeld would serve as the next chair of the Chemical Review Committee.

8. In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, unless the Conference of the Parties decides otherwise, the chair of any other subsidiary body shall be elected by the Conference of the Parties.

## **II. Possible action by the Conference of the Parties**

9. As reflected in the draft decision contained in annex II to the present document, the Conference of the Parties may wish:

(a) To review the information on qualifications of experts contained in document UNEP/FAO/RC/COP.2/INF/5 and formally to confirm the appointment of each expert;

(b) To reaffirm the provisions of decision RC-1/6 with regard to the duration and terms of service of the experts;

(c) To elect Ms. Bettina Hitzfeld as the chair of the Chemical Review Committee, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the Chemical Review Committee during its first meeting.

## Annex I

### Nominated experts

#### Africa

Ghana	Mr. John Pwamang Director Chemicals Control and Management Centre Environmental Protection Agency
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Dr. Mohamed Ammar Khalifa Head of Chemical Safety Office National Bureau for Research and Developments
Nigeria	Mrs. Oluronke Ajibike Soyombo Deputy Director Pollution Control and Environmental Health Department Federal Ministry of Environment
Rwanda	Dr. Aloys Kamatari Expert Consultant National Ministère des Terres, de l'Environnement, des Forêts, de l'Eau et des Mines
Senegal	Mr. Ousmane Sow Ingénieur Chimiste/Génie de l'Environnement Direction de l'Environnement et des Etablissements classés Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Protection de la Nature
South Africa	Dr. Sibbele Hietkamp Project Manager Council for Scientific and Industrial Research
United Republic of Tanzania	Dr. Ernest Mashimba Chief Government Chemist Government Chemist Laboratory

#### Asia

Jordan	Mr. Mohammed Khashashneh Director of Chemicals and Waste Management Department Ministry of Environment
Kyrgyzstan	Dr. Isak Djumaev Deputy Director Institute of Chemistry and Chemical Technology National Academy of Sciences of Kyrgyzstan
Malaysia	Mr. Halimi Bin Mahmud Principal Assistant Director, Pesticide Board Pesticide Control Division Department of Agriculture
Oman	Mr. Hamoud Darwish Salim Al-Hasani Head Plant Protection Programme Section

Republic of Korea	Dr. Kyunghee Choi Research Officer National Institute of Environmental Research Ministry of Environment
Samoa	Mr. William J. Cable Project Coordinator POPs Planning and Urban Management Agency (PUMA) Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment
Syrian Arab Republic	Dr. Mohammed Jamal Hajjar Director of Plant Protection Ministry of Agriculture
Thailand	Ms. Supranee Impithuksa Deputy Director General Department of Agriculture Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives
<b>Eastern Europe</b>	
Hungary	Dr. Tamás Kömíves Director Plant Protection Institute, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
Slovenia	Ms. Karmen Krajnc Under-Secretary Ministry of Health National Chemicals Bureau
Ukraine	Prof. Yuriy Illich Kundiev Director Institute for Occupational Health
<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	
Argentina	Dra. Norma Ethel Sbarbati Nudelman Facultad de Ciencias Exactas Universidad de Buenos Aires
Brazil	Dr. Cesar Koppe Grisolia Department of Genetics and Morphology Institute of Biological Sciences University of Brasilia
Ecuador	Sra. Mercedes Bolaños Ministerio de Ambiente
Jamaica	Ms. Hyacinth Chin Sue Registrar Pesticides Control Authority
Uruguay	Ing. Agr. Ana Laura Chouhy Gonella Dirección General de Servicios Agrícolas

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**Western Europe and other States**

Australia	Dr. Angelo Anthony Valois Product Integrity, Animal and Plant Health Product Safety and Integrity Technical and International Policy Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Canada	Mr. Lars Juergensen Program Manager, International Affairs, Alternative Strategies and Regulatory Affairs Pest Management Regulatory Agency Health Canada
Finland	Mr. Magnus Nyström Chemicals Unit Finnish Environment Institute
France	Mr. Mario Nichelatti Directeur, Direction de la Prévention des pollutions et des risques Bureau des substances et préparations chimiques Ministère de l'écologie et du développement durable
Italy	Dr. Leonello Attias Researcher Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Dipartimento d'Ambiente e Connessa Prevenzione Primaria
Netherlands	Mr. Klaus Berend Deputy-Head of Unit Directorate-General Environment European Commission
Switzerland	Dr. Bettina Hitzfeld Swiss Agency for the Environment, Forests and Landscape Substances, Soil and Biotechnology Division

## Annex II

### Draft decision

#### Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Chemical Review Committee

*The Conference of the Parties,*

*Recalling* its decision RC-1/6, in which it resolved that the 31 Governments which it had identified should formally designate experts for the Chemical Review Committee and, through the Secretariat, provide their names and relevant qualifications by 1 December 2004, and that such experts should serve as members of the Chemical Review Committee on an interim basis, pending formal confirmation of their appointment by the Conference of the Parties at its second session,

1. *Decides* to appoint the 30 nominated experts designated by Governments identified in decision RC-1/6 to act as members of the Chemical Review Committee, as follows:

#### Africa

Ghana	Mr. John Pwamang
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Dr. Mohamed Ammar Khalifa
Nigeria	Mrs. Oluronke Ajibike Soyombo
Rwanda	Dr. Aloys Kamatari
Senegal	Mr. Ousmane Sow
South Africa	Dr. Sibbele Hietkamp
United Republic of Tanzania	Dr. Ernest Mashimba

#### Asia

Jordan	Mr. Mohammed Khashashneh
Kyrgyzstan	Dr. Isak Djumaev
Malaysia	Mr. Halimi Bin Mahmud
Oman	Mr. Hamoud Darwish Salim Al-Hasani
Republic of Korea	Dr. Kyunghee Choi
Samoa	Mr. William J. Cable
Syrian Arab Republic	Dr. Mohammed Jamal Hajjar
Thailand	Ms. Supranee Impithuksa

#### Eastern Europe

Hungary	Dr. Tamás Kőmíves
Slovenia	Ms. Karmen Krajnc
Ukraine	Prof. Yuriy Illich Kundiev

#### Latin America and the Caribbean

Argentina	Dra. Norma Ethel Sbarbati Nudelman
Brazil	Dr. Cesar Koppe Grisolia
Ecuador	Sra. Mercedes Bolaños
Jamaica	Ms. Hyacinth Chin Sue
Uruguay	Ing. Agr. Ana Laura Chouhy Gonella

#### Western Europe and other States

Australia	Dr. Angelo Anthony Valois
Canada	Mr. Lars Juergensen
Finland	Mr. Magnus Nyström
France	Mr. Mario Nichelatti
Italy	Dr. Leonello Attias

Netherlands  
Switzerland

Mr. Klaus Berend  
Dr. Bettina Hitzfeld

2. *Reaffirms* the provisions of decision RC-1/6 with regard to the duration and terms of service of the experts;

3. *Decides* to elect Ms. Bettina Hitzfeld as the chair of the Chemical Review Committee, in accordance with the wishes expressed by the Chemical Review Committee during its first meeting.

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